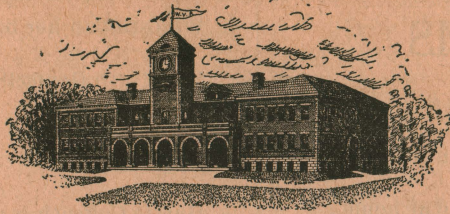


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A CONFIDENCE.

"Dear old girlie, how long it seems since you were here. It is four years this very June. Don't you remember the red rambler was in bloom? Do you remember the dream I dreamed aloud that day to you? Come, sit here where we can enjoy the beauty of the rambler and let me dream another to you.

You haven't forgotten the time that we, two tumbled kids, ran into the parlor when mother was entertaining a handsome young man? I shall never forget how you looked. Dirty and your hair! Well, it looked as though it had not experienced a combing for at least a month. And I, well, I am sure I must have been a sight, for you remember that it was shortly after I had had the fever and my hair was just long enough to stand out. Did you ever hear what became of that fellow? Well, if you haven't here goes.

Mother never heard from him after that save once through a friend. Of course, as it was an acquaintance of mother's there was nothing peculiar about his visit and it passed from my mind. I only remembered he had curly, black hair and handsome eyes. I even forgot his name. Now that all happened ten years ago.

Well, just after Bruce and I had that disgraceful quarrel I decided that I would go away for a while. I had some trouble getting father's consent. You know, fathers don't understand. For you see, I was desperately in love with Bruce and he was with me. We had been engaged now for about eight months. Of course, it was not very much fun to stay here, for all the boys had ceased to come and it had got decidedly "humdrum". Well you can't imagine how one feels to be in love and not be able to enjoy the satisfaction of loving if you have not had the experience. Indeed it is awful.

I am sure father would not have let me go to Nell's if mother had not told him that she had to take in my skirtbands about one inch and a half. After that dear old Daddy was as generous as could be.

It was a little early to get my spring outfit, but as I meant to be gone until after Easter, mother advised it. You see I thought if I were to stay a long time that Bruce would come around, for you see he had a right to give in first.

Father supplied me with a rather fat purse and little mother and I took a run down to the city. You know what it means to be the possessor of nice dresses and to look well. Somehow mother did not hold the checkrein on me very hard. I think she was a wee bit sorry for me.

After a week of hard work I left father to mother and mother to father. I knew Bruce was cognizant of the fact that I was going away and thought he would come around, but he didn't.

Let me tell you, I felt rather blue when the train pulled out. But I was determined not to give in, so I made up my mind to have a good time and a good time I had.

Nell met me and took me home in grand style. I had not been to see her since I was a little girl and had almost forgotten just what her life was like.

For nearly a month nothing happened of especial interest. But on the day that we were going to quite a select home party, I received a letter from mother, in which she said that she had a long talk with Bruce, but he did not so much as mention my name. Mother and Bruce were always such chums. I think it hurt me more than I would acknowledge. One thing I do know I was angry. So when I went to dress I made my toilet with exceptional care just for spite, you know. I confess, I dressed my hair in the most bewitching manner that I knew. I always gave Bruce credit for good taste. So out of respect to it I wore red roses. I think my anger or inward excitement must have added brilliancy to my eyes and cheeks for Nell said that I never looked better.

Shortly after we arrived at Horn dough's, Nell introduced me to a Miss Caughnaugh. I was not especially attracted to her and was for a little while puzzled that the girls treated her with such deference. But I was not long in the dark, she had a brother! I do not blame the girls one bit for envying her her place. I should give worlds to introduce such a lion to my friends.

I thought that even my manly Bruce looked a little "mossy" when compared to this fellow.

Now imagine my astonishment when he was introduced to me to have him ask me about my mother. Well to make a long story short, he asked to call that he might inquire more fully about my mother, and do you know I believed him. Well, he came and I think I was awed into accepting all the proposals he made for drives, walks, boating parties, and the like until he made a proposal of quite a different character. I said yes, for you see I had grown so used to it. I am not sorry though.

So now, girlie, there's my dream, but when I awake I find it true.

A. B. C.

LOCALISMS

Mr. Felton left for home on May 6.

Mr. Yankee is working in town now.

Hattie Wilson spent May 5 and 6 at home.

Joe Gerstell, a former student, paid Keyser a short visit not long ago.

The Senior Class have ordered their invitations. They are very neat in design.

Several students attended the dedication at the Fountain church Sunday, May 6.

Rev. Maydwell, of Washington, led chapel a few mornings in the first week of May.

Hattie Wilson went to Cumberland May 12th, some one said, to buy her trousseau.

Mr. King, who was taking the teachers' course, left April 30 on account of sickness.

Miss Everett, who took the teachers' course last spring, is back again for the same work.

A few rooms in the basement have been lately plastered for the use of the athletic teams.

Miss Hattie Coffroth attended the Knights Templar Conclave in Clarksburg week before last.

Some one wants to know why "Bill" Barrickman does not stay out late on Sunday nights.

Profs. Anderson and Miller and Joe Grubb joined in a fox chase one night the last part of April.

A back-stop has been erected on the ball field, which will save many a chase down over the hill.

Turner Cooper, a former student, who is now working at Cumberland, Md., was in town April 29.

The concrete walks around the building are being repaired in the places that cracked and broke off.

The reports came out May 9. Since the term is very short they will be the only ones before examination.

Mr. Ashby was called home Saturday, May 5, on account of sickness, but returned the following Thursday.

Who studied her bible lesson Sunday night?

Miss Ruth Gerstell is visiting friends in town.

Miss May Michael was a visitor at Literary last Friday night.

Hattie Coffroth is out after having been confined to the house by a bad cold.

Miss Helen West, a former student, who has been taking vocal lessons at Washington, is home.

Prof. Cutright's classes are looking for a memory aid for him so that he won't forget any more to come to his classes.

Misses Marjorie and Beryl Wright were out of school a few days the latter part of April on account of the death of their grandmother.

The Juniors have named themselves the "B. Y. Class". We don't know whether they are "Brilliant Youngsters" or "Bum Youngsters."

Homer and Clyde Hott are playing in the Keyser Band this spring. They went with the band to Chambersburg, Pa., week before last to attend the Firemen's Convention.

The baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the high school was preached in the High School auditorium Sunday night, May 13, by Rev. Ney, of the Lutheran church.

The landscape artist who set out the trees around the school was here the first of May attending to them. Quite a number of them are putting out leaves but some are rather slow.

Mr. Rieger, who superintended the building of the basement of the school, paid us a visit on May 1. He was on his way from Washington to San Francisco, where he will help in rebuilding the city.

Mr. Fink, a former student of the K. P. B. stopped in Keyser on his way to Terra Alta, W. Va., where he expects to attend a summer normal preparatory for the uniform teacher's examination.

Two double courts have been laid out on the tennis ground and both are supplied with nets, etc. A high wire net encloses the courts on three sides leaving the side facing the building open. Much interest is being shown in tennis this spring and it promises to be one of the most popular sports of the school.

Five A. M. tennis is all the go now at the "Prep."

The latest book out is, "Why Stars Shoot," by "Shorty" Hott.

Mr. Forest M. Deakins left school last week and went to Jennings, W. Va.

A great many of our boys went to Cumberland today to see Barnum and Bailey's Circus.

Prof. Anderson went to Cumberland yesterday on business, he said, but we have a faint suspicion that "business" is a new word that he has for circus.

Prof. Haught informed the students in chapel last week that he has started a managerie. He has already found an elephant.

Many of our students attended the High School commencement exercises Thursday night. Prof. R. A. Armstrong gave an interesting talk to the graduates.

Prof. Haught's Geometry III class took their examination last Tuesday. Prof. Haught will take one of Prof. Horn's English classes at the hour he had Geometry.

The English classes that presented Mr. Horn with a bunch of carnations, would like to know when Mrs. Menefee was appointed special deliverer for the Romig Drug Co.

Friday night after literary a crowd of girls and boys went out to "Heartease" and enjoyed some excellent music rendered by Miss McNeill, Miss Johnson and Fred R. Koelz. The hostess, Miss Ada Compton and her sisters Pearl and Eva, delighted the Epicurean tastes of the guests with ice cream and cake.

Adam Dahmer left last week to take a position in the office of The Otter Creek Lumber Co., at Hambleton, W. Va. Although we are sorry to lose such a popular and energetic student as Mr. Dahmer, we are nevertheless glad that he has been successful in securing such a good position. When we last heard from him he was very well pleased with his new place.

May 19 — We are sorry to note that, at the time of this writing Prof. Horn continues very ill. The doctors have pronounced his illness to be typhoid fever and have taken him to the Hoffman Hospital for treatment. Mr. Horn is much loved by the students and all are very anxious for his speedy recovery. In order to, in some measure, show their respect for him his classes have purchased flowers to be placed in his sick room.

Hattie Wilson visited friends in Cumberland May 11-13.

We wonder why Epley did not enjoy the High School commencement exercises.

There is still a number of our subscribers who have not paid the subscription for their paper. There will be but one more issue of "The Refert" this year, but we expect to make this a special number, much more attractive and better than any of our former issues. All those wishing to receive this special number must pay their subscription before it is printed.

On April 19 Prof. and Mrs. Sanders entertained a small number of students at their pleasant home in honor of their guest from Hedgesville. A very pleasant evening was spent socially and at a suitable hour light refreshments were served. The students are always glad to assemble at the Sanders home for the Prof. and his pleasant wife know how to make them enjoy themselves.

At the special meetings called by the two Literary Societies the following contestants for the June contest were elected:

DAVIS SOCIETY.

Declamation	- - - - -	Sadie Friend
Essay	- - - - -	Fred R. Koelz
Debate	- - - - -	Herbert White and Chester Clark

REYNOLDS SOCIETY.

Declamation	- - - - -	Laura Lauck
Essay	- - - - -	Ada Compton
Debate	- - - - -	Chas. Ritchie and Homer Hott

The contestants are all busy over their productions and the program promises to be unusually interesting. Besides the money prizes which go to the winning society, medals will be awarded this year. There will be a medal for declamation and essay each and two for debate. The societies are paying for the medals from the treasuries and a joint committee is now selecting them. The medals for debate will be given to the two best speakers and not necessarily to the winning side.

A committee on program and decoration has also been appointed. This committee has had several meetings and has adopted a very pretty plan for decorating the stage.

Program of Reynolds Society, May 18.

Reading—Miss Knabenshue, Miss Steidings.
Declamation—Miss Brown, Miss Combes. Essay—Miss Burnap, Miss Fleming. Debate—Affirmative, Mr. Haines, Mr. Jennings. Negative, Mr. Athey, Mr. Furbee.

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We think the annual will be finished early in June. This is going to be even a better publication than we had expected at first. We have some pen drawings that are far superior to many of those in the large annuals. Some of these drawings are, in themselves, well worth one dollar, the price charged for the annual. We hope that quite a number of the former students of the W. V. P. will show their patriotism for their alma mater by sending for copies of our school annual. Send your subscriptions either to Chas. Ritchie, Ed. in Chief, or Homer A. Hott, Business Manager. Write early as there will be but a limited number of copies printed.

Who has said that a student's life is all pleasure? Who thinks that the jolly, laughing, good-humored girls and boys of our schools whose very presence is suggestive of good-will and playful mischief never undergo the pangs of an aching heart and throbbing brain? Notwithstanding his apparently happy and care-free life, the energetic and ambitious student must undergo untold hardships and anxieties. Many a time must he rack his brain over the difficult problems that confront him until the clock has even tolled the hour of midnight and his task is yet unfinished. Many a time he is on the verge of despair and thinks seriously of giving up the struggle for an education. Then why is he apparently so happy? Why does he seem to be at peace with the world? Simply because he has the inner consciousness that he is engaged in a noble cause. He realizes that he is upbuilding his own character and intellectual capacities and that, in so doing he shall be able to become an important factor in the upbuilding of the lives of others with whom he may come in contact.

In several of our exchanges we have read the troubles of the editors in getting out their papers. These have all rung true and we agree with them all that the editors do not have a "cinch." We have troubles of our own and lots of them. If we were editing the paper for the money there is in it, it would be quite another matter; but we are doing it for the sake of the school and it is hardly ever that we hear a "thank you" for our work. The only interest that the students take in the paper is to ask us when it is coming out and if we are a little late to give it to us hot and heavy. If we ask a student for a contribution to our columns he says, "Oh I can't write anything." And when we hear a good essay read in the literary or written for English class, and ask the author for it, nine times out of ten we are refused because "it is not good enough," or the writer is so very timid."

It surely is a pity that a person who has been coming to the school for two or three years can not write something for the school paper. Students, do you think it speaks well for your ability or for the school? Since the paper was started we have received about five contributions from students and these we got by much persuasion. It is a wonder that the readers do not get tired of reading productions of one or two all the time. Maybe they do.

Since "The Refert" is in charge of the Literary Societies we think that a great deal of our attention should be confined to them. In all other school papers we see, the weekly programs are given and commented on. But how can we do this when there is nothing to work on? One can not make something out of nothing—unless he puts a 1 before it and makes it 10, but then the 1 has to come from somewhere, does it not? We are sorry to say our literary societies are not true to themselves or to the school. A full program is a very rare thing—almost unknown in our meetings. The last performance of the Reynolds' Society was very good, having a full program. We would like to print all the programs and say that they were all given in full and were good. But we cannot do that. We could print the programs as they were made out and intended to be given and leave the impression that they were so, but that is not our policy. Very often the readings are brief and unpracticed by the reader; the declamations given in a happy-go-lucky way; the essays copied from some book or collections of dry facts from an encyclopedia; and the debates nothing but farces. Such programs are very inferior and unworthy of a place in literary societies. We hope the students will soon see their faults and improve.

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PREPS 6. A. C. H. S. 5.

The Preps played their first game of the season at Cumberland, April 21st, against the Allegheny County High School of Cumberland. The game was very interesting, except the first inning, when Barrickman was a little wild; but after the first inning he was invincible, only letting the High School get one score. The Preps put up a good fielding game but were weak at the bat. Following is the score:

W. V. P.	a	b	r	h	A. C. H. S.	a	b	r	h
Pifer 2b.....	5	1	3		Schafer ss.....	5	1		
Deakins r f.....	4		1		Fisher c f.....	5	1		
Abernathy l f 4					Johnson c.....	5	1		1
White c.....	4	1	1		W Marean 1b.....	5	1		
McDowell 1b....	4		1		Jones 2b.....	4	1		
Sheetz ss.....	4				J. Marean p.....	4			
Lauck c f.....	4	2			Cole r f.....	4			
Spicer 3b.....	4	1	1		Robinson l f.....	4	1		
Barrickman p 4	1	2			Corrigan 3b.....	3			
Boyd sub									
Total.....	37	6	9			39	5	1	
W. V. P.....	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0—6
A. C. H. S.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0—5

Base on balls—Barrickman 8; Marean 6.
Three base hit—White.

PREPS 21. A. C. A. 7.

On Saturday, May 12, the Preps gained an easy victory from the Allegheny County Academy of Cumberland. The Academy was outclassed both in playing and batting, and at no time during the game had they a chance of winning. Lammert was hit freely, the Preps securing 18 hits and 3 home runs; but Barrickman was a puzzle, only allowing 5 hits.

W. V. P.	ab	r	h	po	a	e	A. C. A.	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Pifer 2b.....	6	4	1	3	1	2	Houch 3b..	6	0	1	2		
Gonder 1b.....	6	3	2	9	1	1	George ss..	5	2		5	3	
White c.....	6	3	3	2	1		Lammert p 5	1	1	7	2	2	
Boyd l f.....	6	2	4				Thomson cf 5	0	1				
Abernathy cf 6	2	2		1			Finley c.....	5	0	2	1		
Lauck r f.....	6	1	2				Morris 1b..	5	2	2	10	1	2
Sheetz ss.....	5	2	2	2	1		Martin lf..	5	1	3			
Spicer 3b.....	5	2	2	1	2		Fuller rf ..	5	1	2	1	1	
Barrickman p 5	2	2	8	4			Annan 2b..	5	0	1			
Furbee, sub													
Deakins, sub													
Total.....	51	21	18	27	9	6		46	7	7	24	11	8
Preps.....	3	1	5	4	2	0	4	2	x—	21			
A. C. A.....	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1—	7			

Home Run—Pifer, White. 2 Base Hit—Gonder.
Stolen Bases—Preps., 18. A. C. A., 5. Struck Out, Barrickman 7; Lammert 6. Base on Ball—Barrickman 7; Lammert 4. Wild Pitches—Lammert 2.
Earned runs—Preps. 6. Umpire, Nethken. Time of game, 1.45.

W. V. P. 6. C. H. S. 10.

May 5, the Preps. suffered the first defeat of the season at the hands of the Cumberland High School by the score of 6 to 10. Our boys seemed to be in hard luck that day and allowed the Cumberland team to make 8 runs the first inning. As a whole our team put up a very poor game both in the field and at bat.

On May 1st the Preps played the Clerks of Keyser and won by the score of 10 to 3.

EXCHANGES.

We appreciate very much the kindly criticism given us by the very elaborate and well known high school paper, "The Academy Bulletin". The editors of the "Bulletin" only need to make a very few improvements upon their pamphlet to make it one of the leading school papers of the country. Judging from their criticism of other school papers, we think the editors of the "Bulletin" know about all there is to be known about what a school paper should be; consequently we shall offer no suggestion to them other than that they should endeavor to put in their editorial column something besides their animated appeals to the students to yell at the athletic games.

The best paper which we received among our exchanges this month is "The Fairmont State Normal School Bulletin". This paper is not crammed with light, frivolous nonsense, but contains material that is really interesting even to those who are not students of "The Fairmont Normal". We read with special interest a production entitled "Dreams," written by one of the editors. This is the best piece of original work that we have seen in a school paper this year. We think that many of our exchanges should follow the example of "The Fairmont Normal Bulletin" in giving special attention to literary productions.

We were glad to receive the following exchanges: "The Picket"—Shepherdstown State School; "The Academy Bulletin,"—Allegheny County Academy, "The Fairmont State Normal Bulletin"—Fairmont State Normal School; "The Acta"—Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va; "The Illuminator," Shenandoah Institute, Dayton, Va.

THE ZEKIAD.

Next morning from his room Zeke softly stole
Prepared to take the next train out for home,
For all the long night through he dreamed such
dreams
As only come to "Freshmen" in a school,
He dreamed he saw a crowd of yelling boys
Come tearing up the stairs into his room.
They took the bed sheet quickly from his bed
With him inside, and had a game of toss
They swiftly tossed him up and down until
Until with one great bound he suddenly awoke.
Although 'twas but a dream Zeke thought the thing
Would surely happen soon in time to come.
And thus it was that he prepared to go
Back to the lonely farm where he was born,
With cautious tread he stepped across the hall
For fear that he might wake some of the boys.
And as he hurried on to catch the train
The strains of home sweet home came to his ears
From someone's graphophone across the way.
The music of that old familiar song
Made Zeke's small eyes fill up with briny tears.
But like Hugh Idle who once wished to run
Away from Mister Toil, Zeke met the ones
Whom he with all his heart wished to avoid
For waiting at the station were two boys
From the committee which the day before
So warmly had received the country lad
These two were quite astonished when they learned
That Zeke was going home *iam pridem nunc*
De eis inimicis libenter.

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The aggregate of life is made up of little things; the words we utter and our daily thoughts do much towards forming our characters; therefore, how diligent we should strive to so cultivate our hearts and curb the impetuosity of our dispositions that our exterior deportment shall prove the refinement of our spirit. "Our life is centered in the sphere of common duties." How true this is! Then why not adorn our daily lives with the best things our hearts possess, and make our home attractive with the sunshine of kindness and gentleness of manner.

While we admire integrity and that sterling worth of character that makes a true man and woman, and are perhaps assiduously engaged in maintaining and cultivating those admirable qualities in our lives, yet I think there are some things that truly belong to the Christian's faith that we are quite negligent of, and they are the common courtesies of life. We would not countenance superfluities and meaningless forms of politeness that are naught but vanity and empty show. True politeness never springs from these; it has its source in an entire forgetfulness of self and a tender regard for the feelings of others. Upon meeting a stranger or a dear friend it appears to require no effort to assume the apparel of politeness, to be affable in our manners and extend our sincere heartfelt affection; but those who are truly dearest to our hearts, those with whom we are called to live and labor, to enjoy the blessings of life and bear its trials and burdens—brought in such close contact with one another, how apt we are to grow indifferent to their tender feelings and frequently speak and act in a discourteous way. "Life and death are in the power of the tongue"; how careful we should be to guard that member, that we utter nothing that wounds or hurts. There is a very common habit, which I fear, many of us possess, that is, saying unkind things of another. We should not be guilty of defaming another's character, yet so natural is it to let some careless remark pass our lips that we would be quite ashamed for the person spoken of to hear. How much better if we cannot find anything good to say, to speak not at all. I have heard of a society formed in recent years called the "Speak No Evil Society." Its members are required before speaking evil of any one to ask themselves three questions: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?

Before speaking against another, if we should stop and consider these things, how seldom we would find it in our hearts to speak of evil. I think it would be well for us all to form ourselves members of this association.

The scriptures commend those who are of a meek and quiet spirit. Well cultivated persons will be gentle in all their movements, and upon entering a room will open and close the door gently and will not speak in a rude, noisy manner; in conversation they will not be obtrusive and usurp the time in speaking as though they were superiors and wished to be heard above everyone else, but will be considerate of others and give them their just privileges.

So liable are we to grow indifferent to our deportment, that it requires constant effort and frequently persistent energy to smooth down the angular corners of our characters. None of us admire blunt manners or tone of utterance, even if our own decorum is not perfect, our sensibilities are always wounded by such. The courteous address, the pleasant "good morning," that send a thrill of joy through our hearts and give us courage to perform the duties of the day, the sweet good night breathed by loving lips that seem to place us beneath the angels' care through the hours of slumber, the tender smile, the gentle manner, the word of kindness and the obliging spirit, can these spring from any other but a good heart? I think not; so cultivate them more and more.

We see in nature that everything is improved by culture and what is the rough block of marble without the sculptor's art upon it? How he chisels and works until it presents the beauty and symmetry of a perfect form; and what is the diamond taken from its rough bed covered with dirt, what is it compared with the polished stone flashing in brilliancy? We can all draw illustrations from these.

We all have it in our power to perform the little kindnesses. Let us, in the true spirit of Christian courtesy, seek to help others that are in distress. Let us tune the keys of the hearts we come in contact with to the music of love, then will no harsh discords of ill will sadden our lives.

We find ourselves placed in this world with surroundings that not only effect ourselves, but those with whom we are associated. Not only our outward actions but our exterior thoughts have sounds that vibrate on the electric currents of our feelings and using their way from heart to heart. Therefore let us admire all that is good and fill our minds with the same, then will refinement of heart grow in our countenances, and our deportment will be Christlike and courteous.

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